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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed September 21, 2005 and an interview on December 7, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-8,11,12,15,16,19,20,23,25,27 and 29-41.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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PRIMARY EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Francis Lammes (Reg. No. 55,353) on December 8, 2005.

Claims have been amended as follow:

Claims 2, 3, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 26, and 28 have been cancelled.

Claims 30-41 have been added. Claims 1, 11, 15, 19, 23, 25, and 27 have been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing dynamically shared documents, comprising:
 - a hub, wherein the hub is not connected to any external network; and
 - a plurality of computing devices in physical proximity with the hub; wherein
 - each of the plurality of computing devices communicates with the hub via only a wireless connection;
 - the hub receives and retransmits requested documents between selected computing devices of the plurality of computing devices, wherein transmissions between each of the plurality of computing devices and the hub are at least one of infrared transmissions or radio frequency transmissions;
 - each of the plurality of computing devices translates each requested document into a system independent language prior to transmitting the

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requested document to the hub, wherein the system independent language is at least one of a Java based language or an extensible markup language; and each of the plurality of computing devices translates each received document from the hub.

2-3. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the transmissions between each of the plurality of computing devices and the hub are encrypted.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A method in a data processing system for retrieving documents from other data processing systems, comprising the steps of:

sending, from a first data processing system, a request, in a system independent language, for a shared document from a second data processing system to a hub in close proximity to the first and second data processing systems via only a wireless communication signal, wherein the hub is not connected to any external network, wherein the system independent language is at least one of a Java based language or an extensible markup language;

receiving, from the hub, via only the wireless communication link, the shared document, formatted in the system independent language, wherein transmissions between each of the data processing systems and the hub are at least one of infrared transmissions or radio frequency transmissions; and

translating the shared document from the system independent language into a first data processing system preferred data format for presentation to a user.

13-14. (Canceled).

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15. (Currently amended) A computer program product in computer readable media for use in a data processing system for retrieving documents from other data processing systems, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for sending, from a first data processing system, a request, in a system independent language, for a shared document from a second data processing system to a hub in close proximity to the first and second data processing systems via only a wireless communication signal, wherein the hub is not connected to any external network, wherein the system independent language is at least one of a Java based language or an extensible markup language;

second instructions for receiving, from the hub, via only the wireless communication link, the shared document, formatted in the system independent language, wherein transmissions between each of the data processing systems and the hub are at least one of infrared transmissions or radio frequency transmissions; and

third instructions for translating the shared document from the system independent language into a first data processing system preferred data format for presentation to a user.

17-18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A system for retrieving documents from other data processing systems, comprising:

means for sending, from a first data processing system, a request, in a system independent language, for a shared document from a second data processing system to a hub in close proximity to the first and second data processing systems via only a wireless communication signal, wherein the hub is not connected to any external network, wherein the system independent language is at least one of a Java based language or an extensible markup language;

means for receiving, from the hub, via only the wireless communication link, the shared document, formatted in the system independent language, wherein transmissions

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between each of the data processing systems and the hub are at least one of infrared transmissions or radio frequency transmissions; and

means for translating the shared document from the system independent language into a first data processing system preferred data format for presentation to a user.

21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A method in a data processing system for facilitating communications between a plurality of other data processing systems, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request in a system independent format from a first data processing system via only a wireless communication link, wherein the system independent format is at least one of a Java based language or an extensible markup language;

broadcasting the request to a second data processing system via only the wireless communication link;

receiving an answer in a system independent format from the second data processing system via only the wireless communication link; and

broadcasting the answer to the first data processing system via only the wireless communication link, wherein transmissions between each of the data processing systems are at least one of infrared transmissions or radio frequency transmissions.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable media for use in a data processing system for facilitating communications between a plurality of other data processing systems, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving a request in a system independent format from a first data processing system via only a wireless communication link, wherein the system independent format is at least one of a Java based language or an extensible markup language;

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second instructions for broadcasting the request to a second data processing system via only the wireless communication link;

third instructions for receiving an answer in a system independent format from the second data processing system via only the wireless communication link; and

fourth instructions for broadcasting the answer to the first data processing system via only the wireless communication link, wherein transmissions between each of the data processing systems are at least one of infrared transmissions or radio frequency transmissions.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) A system in a data processing system for facilitating communications between a plurality of other data processing systems, comprising:

means for receiving a request in a system independent format from a first data processing system via only a wireless communication link, wherein the system independent format is at least one of a Java based language or an extensible markup language;

means for broadcasting the request to a second data processing system via only the wireless communication link;

means for receiving an answer in a system independent format from the second data processing system via only the wireless communication link; and

means for broadcasting the answer to the first data processing system via only the wireless communication link, wherein transmissions between each of the data processing systems are at least one of infrared transmissions or radio frequency transmissions.

28. (Canceled)

30. (New) The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the hub is portable.

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31. (New) The method recited in claim 11, wherein at least one of the data processing systems is portable.
32. (New) The method recited in claim 11, wherein the transmissions between each of the data processing systems and the hub are encrypted.
33. (New) The computer program product as recited in claim 15, wherein the hub is portable.
34. (New) The computer program product recited in claim 15, wherein at least one of the data processing systems is portable.
35. (New) The computer program product recited in claim 15, wherein the transmissions between each of the data processing systems and the hub are encrypted.
36. (New) The system as recited in claim 19, wherein the hub is portable.
37. (New) The system recited in claim 19, wherein at least one of the data processing systems is portable.
38. (New) The system recited in claim 19, wherein the transmissions between each of the data processing systems and the hub are encrypted.
39. (New) The method recited in claim 23, wherein the transmissions between each of the data processing systems are encrypted.
40. (New) The computer program product recited in claim 25, wherein the transmissions between each of the data processing systems are encrypted.
41. (New) The system recited in claim 27, wherein the transmissions between each of the data processing systems are encrypted.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuoc H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3919. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 571-272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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